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## Stockton Students to Celebrate 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of International Women's Day

Jennifer Baumgardner, Amy Richards to Discuss Feminism and the Future

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**Galloway Township, NJ-** March is Women's History Month, and Tuesday, March 8, 2011, marks the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of International Women's Day (IWD).

Each year, on March 8, thousands of events are held across the globe to recognize the accomplishments achieved by women around the world and to inspire other women to set new goals.

The Richard Stockton College of New Jersey's Women's, Gender and Sexuality Studies program will host an event on March 8 to celebrate the advancements in women's rights and feminism. The event, titled "How to Make Feminism Your Own: 10 Years of Manifesting Feminism," will take place in the College's Elizabeth B. Alton Auditorium (A-Wing) at 6:00 p.m.

Authors and activists Jennifer Baumgardner and Amy Richards will discuss what feminism means today, how young women can make feminism a part of their lives and the barriers that still stand. The discussion will also focus on breaking down those barriers.

As of today, the IWD website lists 52 planned events that are taking place across the United States on March 8 to honor women. So far, Stockton College is the only location in the state offering an International Women's Day event.

Jennifer Baumgardner and Amy Richards met at *Ms.* Magazine where Baumgardner was interning and Richards was working in Gloria Steinem's office. Steinem is known for her work with the Women's Liberation Movement.

Baumgardner and Richards co-authored *Manifesta: Young Women, Feminism, and the Future* in 2000 and *Grassroots: A Field Guide for Feminist Activism* in 2005.

After their first book was published, the two launched a national speaking tour, which eventually led them to establish Soapbox Inc., Speakers Who Speak Out in 2002. Since 2000, Jennifer and Amy have lectured at more than 250 colleges and high schools.

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Baumgardner was the youngest editor at *Ms.*, and she has written for a number of publications such as *Harper's*, *The Nation*, *Real Simple*, *Glamour*, *Redbook* and *Elle*. She is the editor of a series of feminist classics for Farrar, Straus & Giroux, and she has written introductions, chapters and epilogues for several recent books about feminism.

Richards is the co-founder of the Third Wave Foundation, a national organization for young feminist activists between the ages of 15 and 30. In 1995, she started an online advice column, Ask Amy, on feminist.com. Richards has authored a number of books, and her work has appeared in *The Nation*, *The LA Times*, *Bust*, *Ms.* and numerous anthologies.

The College's March 8 event, which is free and open to the public, is co-sponsored by the Political Engagement Project and Residential Life with support from the Office of General Studies, the Coalition for Women's Rights, the History Club and the Diversity Living Learning Community.

The College will also host a number of other free events that are open to the public throughout the month of March.

On **Tuesday, March 22**, the 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Women's History Month Poetry and Prose Reading will be held in the Juniper Hall Lounge (Housing 5 apartment) from 7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.

On the following **Tuesday, March 29**, Stockton Professor Janice Joseph will present "Femicide in Central America" at 4:30 p.m. in the West Quad Building room 103.

On **Thursday, March 31**, at 4:30 p.m., Dr. Maya Gibbons, assistant professor of social work at the University of Maryland, Baltimore, will present "What's Love Got to Do With It? Safe and Risky Sexual Behavior Among African American College Women" in B-Wing room B-008.

For a complete list of Women's History Month programming, please visit <http://wp.stockton.edu/wqss/womens-history-month-march-2011-events>. This website will be updated as new events arise.

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